THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) An independent study commissioned by MHRD in 2006-07 in 20 major States, indicated a teacher presence rate of 81.7% at the primary level, and 80.5% at the upper primary level in the country. Jharkhand was not included in this study.

Separately however, the Jharkhand Education Project Council (JEPC) has conducted a study on teacher absenteeism in the State, which indicates that the average rate of teacher absenteeism in Government primary schools of Jharkhand is 21%. The State has initiated action, such as vigorous inspection of schools, posting of local teachers in the schools and Village Education Committees (VEC) have been vested with powers to check teacher absenteeism.

The Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) provides for Panchayati Raj bodies to supervise and monitor schools. Government of India has also asked States to monitor teacher attendance in elementary schools and put in place mechanisms to improve teacher presence and accountability.

(d) The expenditure against funds available in Jharkhand during 2008-09 was 75%.

Anti Ragging Committees in Punjab colleges

1133. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of colleges of all hues in Punjab where Anti-Ragging Committees were not constituted within three months of Supreme Court's guidelines in the matter;

(b) the names of such colleges where such committee has not been formed till now; and

(c) the action taken by the University Grant Commission (UGC) and Government for not forming the committee or by taking delayed action in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) According to the information received from the State Government of Punjab, Anti-Ragging Committees have been constituted in all Universities and its constituent colleges in the State.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Deemed university status to agricultural universities

1134. SHRIMATI T. RATNA BAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to give deemed university status to some of the agricultural universities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what are the criteria fixed to give such status;

(d) the status of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) universities in Andhra Pradesh; and

(e) the present status of posts filled in each of these universities under SC/ST category?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) No, Madam.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) As per the information furnished by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (Education Division), New Delhi, there is no ICAR university in Andhra Pradesh. However, there are three State Agricultural Universities in Andhra Pradesh, *viz*., Acharya N.G. Ranga Agricultural University, Hyderabad, Sri Venkateswara Veterinary University, Tirupati and Andhra Pradesh Horticultural University, Venkataramanagudem, which were formed by the legislative acts of Andhra Pradesh State Assembly.

(e) Does not arise.

Promotion of education in Jharkhand

1135. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted review of the existing facilities of Secondary and Higher Secondary level education in Jharkhand;

(b) if so, the details thereof with particular reference to the demographic feature, quantity and quality of school education facilities, teacher-student ratio and the number of Government and non-Government educational institutions in each district;

(c) the details of fund provided to the State, year-wise during the last three years for implementing the Sarva-Shiksha Abhiyan and the Mid-Day Meal Scheme; and

(d) the details of tangible impact thereof in terms of attracting greater number of children to school, reducing the rate of drop-outs, in particular?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) As per the Selected Education Statistics, 2005-06 (with reference date 30.09.2005) compiled by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, there were 1162 secondary/higher secondary schools in Jharkhand. District wise break up of the number of schools, enrolment and number of teachers is given in the Statement (*See* below). The Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) for class IX to XII was 15.54% and Pupil Teacher Ratio (PTR) for secondary and senior secondary schools was 52 and 29 respectively. District wise break up for PTR and GER is not available.

(c) Funds sanctioned to Jharkhand during the last 3 years under Sarva-Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) and the Mid-Day Meal Scheme (MDM) are as under: